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REPORT

To Our Reader - Owners

THE QUIZ PROBE

Letters to various dailies have expressed the opinion that a committee of Congress has been wasting its time and the taxpayers' money by investigating the question of whether or not Charles Van Doren was faking when he was awarded big prize money for answering difficult questions.

The argument in such letters is that it's just show business, anyhow, and doesn't everyone know that show business is full of phony stuff?

This argument seems pretty cynical.

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AN EGGHEAD HERO

Many young men and women, and younger boys and girls, too, admired young Mr. Van Doren, and felt as they had never felt before that after all there might be something to this business of learning things and trying to remember them.

The deeprooted prejudice against the egghead which is certainly existent in this country was somewhat removed. Here was an egghead, and a charming man, too, who "wore all that weight of learning lightly as a flower," to use the phrase said of another egghead a couple of generations back. So why not lay aside more frivolous pursuits a bit and try to be an egghead, too, with the nation so desperately needing men and women of intelligence and studious habits to solve the immense problems we're facing?

It was wrong, morally wrong, socially wrong, to build up these fine thoughts and feelings in our young people by fake methods. Very wrong indeed, and the committee of Congress has done us all a good service by digging into the matter.

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THE PUBLIC

Another angle. Rabbi Louis I. Newman, now of New York, formerly of San Francisco, says: "The American public must abandon the notion that only by a fast dollar, a smashing fist or a barking gun can they find enjoyment."

But it'll take more than Congress to achieve that!

Golf tourney for labor Sat., Nov. 7

Labor's annual golf tournament will begin at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow (Saturday) at Spring Valley Golf Club, Milpitas. Entries till tee-off time. Entry fee and green fee total \$4.

Hole in one contest. Blind bogey handicapping.

Come one, come all, if not to play, then to be a spectator.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

Top court puts in 7-hour day on steel case

The Supreme Court Tuesday, after hearing four hours of legal hassling from attorneys for the Steelworkers and the Government, took under advisement the question of whether President Eisenhower should be granted the Taft-Hartley injunction sending the strikers back to work for an 80-day "cooling off" period.

The Justices after the hearing discussed the case behind closed doors for three hours, but came to no immediate decision.

The union contended that the Taft-Hartley Act attempts to give Federal Courts powers which go beyond the limits of the Constitution, stating it in these words:

"The contention is, simply, that under the Taft-Hartley Act, Federal Courts are asked to issue an injunction which is no part of the judicial function of adjudicating justifiable controversies."

Government attorneys contended the Taft-Hartley Act is constitutional, and that moreover the strike has resulted in such unemployment "as fully to establish the imminence of great economic disruption."

This the union challenged, contending that the strike in no way imperiled national safety or health, and that so far as defense is concerned, an industry-wide injunction was not needed; arrangements could be made to supply defense needs without stopping the entire strike.

Labor boosting Crusade

New law troubles BTC on Vets Christmas donation

The consensus at the meeting of the Building Trades Council this week was that the new Labor Act's ambiguous terms cause so much uncertainty that even the council's annual contribution to the decoration of the Veterans' hospitals in the area for Christmas seems dubious legally.

BTC President Joseph Pruss, who for years has represented the council on the Veterans Christmas committee, said that surely some way could be worked out to make the annual contribution to so worthy a cause, but agreed that the new law did put that contribution, along with others the council has made for years, into the realm of legal shadow.

Bruce Dillashaw, Cement Masons, a trustee, said that the council has been benevolent in the past, but cannot be now, seemingly until the new law is clarified, and possibly until the constitution of the council is changed. Attorneys at the State BTC conference held in San Francisco had advised that there be no donations to any charitable organization until the muddled situation is clarified.

J. S. "Blackie" Miller, Painters 127, former BTC president, said that letters should be sent to all charitable organizations to which donations have been made

in the past, apprising them of the handicap the new law has put in the way of the council.

In his column for Painters 127 on page 4 of this issue of East Bay Labor Journal Miller says:

"Secretary of Labor Mitchell is calling in lawyers, President Meany is calling lawyers, President Gray of the Building Trades Department is calling lawyers. In fact, every time you talk to anyone you are told don't do anything until you have seen a lawyer. Poor lawyers! I hope they have enough to eat in the next few years. I know that many workers will not."

Bob Kerr, Glaziers, remarked that if charitable organizations were informed by letter of the difficulties the council faces because of the new law, it would cause them to understand what has been going on in this country of late.

Joe Souza, Clerks & Lumber Handlers, a trustee, said that such a letter was now being drafted.

NEW REPRESENTATION

The Board of Business Agents had discussed Article 3, Section 3, of the "Constitution and By-laws to Govern Local Councils," which was covered in a resolution adopted by the Building and Construction Trades De-

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Union & Mgt. teams raising more than '58

Labor has been an active partner in writing a number of the "success stories" of the 1959 United Crusade, the Crusade staff reports to East Bay Labor Journal.

A sampling of "give-where-you-work" campaigns among employees of Alameda County firms, finds union members joining fellow employees in achieving some of the outstanding giving records of the 1959 united appeal.

Crusade officials point out that reports from many of the county's hundreds of employee campaigns are still incomplete.

At Joseph T. Ryerson & Son, Inc., Emeryville, an enthusiastic employee campaign netted \$3,304 for the Crusade—representing a 38.7 percent increase over last year and an average gift of \$27.76. Members of the Warehousemen's Local 853 shared in this success.

The Pacific Telephone Co. employee campaign—conducted under joint labor-management leadership—already is ahead of last year and is still going strong. Telephone company employees in Alameda County to date have contributed \$48,331, compared with a total of \$46,564 in 1958. At the Herrick Iron Works, Hayward, employees, including members of the Structural and Ornamental Iron Workers Union, Local 790, have made a record average gift of \$21.20. A labor-management Crusade committee spearheaded this campaign.

Members of the United Auto Workers, Local 1031, gave full support to the Crusade appeal in Chevrolet Plant No. 1, Oakland, where a total of \$5,051.20 was contributed to the united appeal for 89 Alameda County health.

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Glass strike ends on the 51st day

When employees of local glass plants called up Tuesday morning to find out where the flint glass strike stood which was called September 13, they received this message:

"Contract was signed November second. All pickets removed. Special meeting at strike headquarters today at 10 a.m."

While there was some passing of picket lines in Alameda County by members of other unions affected by the strike of the Flint Glass Workers, it was generally agreed that picket lines were better observed here than anywhere else in the country.

PAINTERS 127! 60th anniversary dinner dance Sat., Nov. 14, John's Banquet Room, S. L. \$3 each.



BUILDING SERVICE EMPLOYEES Local 18 Secretary W. Douglas Geldert and the members of that union are much interested in the big urban renewal project which General President William L. McFetridge has announced the union will undertake in Chicago. Above is an architect's drawing of the Marina City proposed development, on a photo of the actual site, on the north bank of the famous Chicago river. Approval of the Federal Housing Administration under Title 207 has been negotiated for the first part of the project. President McFetridge feels that it is a good investment for union funds, that urban renewal by stopping the decay of cities creates employment for members of the union in cities, and that, if the Chicago project succeeds, similar enterprises might be undertaken in the Bay Area and other centers where the union is active.

HOW TO BUY

Check your credit I. Q.!

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS
Consumer Expert for East Bay Labor Journal

Recent interest boosts sponsored by the Government already have backfired in their announced aims, in an extraordinary but expensive comedy of errors. Here are facts you need to guard your family's budget in this new period of high interest rates:

1—A few weeks ago the Administration offered \$1000 Treasury bonds with a five percent yield to attract so-called "small" investors. This is the highest rate the Government has paid to borrow money in 30 years.

The fat yield attracted "small" investors all right. The \$2 billion offering was oversubscribed 5½ times. But many of the investors cashed in E and H bonds to buy the 5 percent bonds. Instead of paying these not-so-small investors 3½ to 3¾ percent through E and H bonds, the Government is committed to pay them 5 percent.

Investors also switched money out of bank accounts to grab the 5 percent windfall. Now the banks have less money to lend on mortgages, car loans and other consumer financing. Result: you'll pay higher rates for any borrowing you may hope to do this year, as well as foot the bill in your taxes for that 5 percent interest rate on the Government debt.

2—The Government also hiked rates on GI and FHA mortgages. The aim was to increase the availability of mortgages for home buyers and eliminate the discounts mortgage borrowers were paying.

It hasn't worked out that way. Despite the boost in the GI rate to 5¼ percent, the number of GI loans made has dropped for three straight months.

Nor has the higher FHA rate (now 6¼ percent) eliminated discounts. The loan associations,

insurance companies, banks and other lenders simply are pocketing the rate increase. The discount is the difference between the amount you have to repay and the actual amount of cash the lender gives you.

"In many cases discounts have declined only about half as much as warranted by the interest-rate increase, and in some cases discounts have not declined at all", the National Association of Real Estate Boards reports.

But at the same time interest rates are rising, you're under tremendous pressure to buy on credit. As one business writer explains, it was easy for lenders to get people to borrow when mortgage rates were only 4 to 5 percent, new-car financing was 10 to 12 percent a year, and you could get up to 90 days free credit at any department store. Those days have fled. Now lenders and stores vigorously are promoting revolving credit and other finance plans that involve heavier interest rates than many consumers realize.

He appreciated the offer

A pretty young woman was waiting for a fitting room to be made available. Next to her stood a tall, handsome young man. When the customer's turn came, the saleslady politely asked the young man if he would care to accompany the young woman into the fitting room.

"I'd be enchanted," he replied with a grin, "but we haven't been introduced." — N. Y. Times.

Welcome guest

A man had written the hotel manager for a reservation and asked if his dog would be allowed to stay there. The reply from the hotel read:

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To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

THERE'S A STORY that keeps cropping up in the papers. It's a true story. And it's a sad story.

It's the one about someone urgently needing the telephone for a call which may save a house from fire, or a person from death; and about someone else refusing to give up the line, even when pleaded with.

THAT GIRL who was reported just the other day—a sixteen-year-old girl—who was asked to hang up so a neighbor could phone the fire department to come to her burning home.

The neighbor told the Marin sheriff that the girl answered with an obscenity and refused to give up the line. The girl's identity having been established, the sheriff sent a deputy to her house, and the girl apologized, so the neighbor decided not to prosecute her.

WHAT FUTURE has a girl like that? One can guess. One reads about them all the time. Most of 'em grow up and grow worse.

A few come to their senses, though, or are brought to their senses by some bitter experience. Let's hope that girl will—only offhand one is inclined to hope the experience will be bitter indeed!

Why do people adopt children?

Why do people adopt children? Most childless couples believe they have a right to happiness and that a youngster will help them to enjoy a full and richer life.

However, in their desire to become a "real" family the prospective adoptive parents should never lose sight of an important point: the child also has rights and, as a person, his rights must be considered.

In other words a child should never be adopted simply to meet adult needs. This point is emphasized in a pamphlet, "When You Adopt A Child," issued recently by the Children's Bureau in Washington.

The booklet cautions that a couple should not consider adoption as a "cure" to save a marriage "on the rocks." Nor should an adoptive parent dream of creating a little image of himself or herself in the child who may be chosen.

Male intelligence

Any man who thinks he's more intelligent than his wife is married to a smart woman.—RWDSU Record.

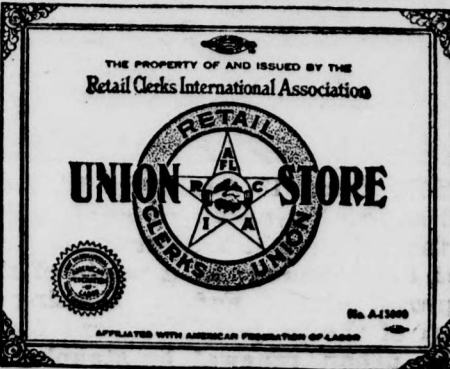
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Look at label when you shop

Back in the "good old days" the purchaser could inspect foods and often sample them. Today we have many more manufactured products, and almost every processed food is packaged.

The buyer cannot examine the contents and must depend on the label as his guide to what is in the can or box. Fortunately, the law requires that the label to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

Of special interest to the home cook is the requirement that the ingredients be listed in the order of their predominance in the food. Chicken with noodles indicates that there is more chicken than noodles; on the other hand, noodles with chicken means mostly noodles with enough chicken to be worth mentioning. Of course, the chicken with noodles would be the more expensive of the two.

Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION Administration seldom makes the headlines when Summit Meetings, and visits by Heads of State are listed as great steps forward in the interest of World Peace, yet it has worked quietly for ten years on projects fundamental to such peace.

Underfed and poverty-stricken people are restless people with little to lose by war or revolution. For this reason, as well as for purely humanitarian reasons, most of the funds of ICA have gone to foster technical cooperation programs in agriculture, forestry and fisheries in 54 countries.

Here in Alameda County, which has a lot of agriculture, as well as in almost every agricultural county in the Nation, the county agents and the county home economics advisers have contributed much to the welfare and happiness of rural families.

This service of our agricultural extension, as well as the 4-H clubs for teenagers, is being extended to these under-developed countries with happy results. For instances, today the mayors of 27 Greek villages are proud of being former 4-H club members.

In Africa, in the near East, in the Far East where water is scarce and land is poor, farmers have been taught to make use of simple irrigation devices, have been provided with good seed, shown new but simple techniques of production, which have doubled their crops and enabled them to eat above the starvation level which had been their fate so for so long.

The housewife has not been neglected, either. Home economics advisers have introduced simple, and hand-operated washing machines which cost but a few dollars and bring smiles to the faces of mothers of large families. In the Philippines, they have helped 72,000 farm women install "blind" drainage systems, thus eliminating the former stagnant water pools beneath their kitchens.

There are now some 200 such agents and advisers working in foreign lands. Young people might well take note of this, and consider taking the necessary training when choosing their careers.

Just a husband!

"Your husband says he leads a dog's life," remarked one woman to another.

"I agree with what he says," was the reply. "He comes in with muddy feet, makes himself comfortable near the fire, waits to be fed, and sometimes snarls too much."

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Food Clerks vote for officers on Monday, Nov. 9

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. next Monday, November 9, at the headquarters of Retail Food Clerks Local 870 for the election of officers, board and committee members, and delegates.

There are contests for three offices, 13 are running for the 10 places on the executive board, and 12 are running for the 10 places as delegates to the Central Labor Council.

Candidates for the contested positions are:

Secretary-Treasurer and Business Agent No. 1—Robert Spruill, Harris C. Wilkin.

Business Representative No. 3 — Vincent J. Calin, Douglas Maha.

Business Representative No. 4 — Kenneth Exley, Alfred Parmantier.

Executive Board (10 places) — Virgil Allison, Gus Bogel, Vincent Calin, Harry Coffin, Lorena Lake, Ethel Lewis, Douglas Maha, Paul McCormick, Robert McPeak, Alfred Parmantier, Howard Reeder, Alfred Silva, Robert Spruill.

Delegates to Central Labor Council (10 places) — Harry Alexander, Robert S. Ash, Vincent Calin, Mina Dorrance, Kenneth Exley, Charles F. Jones, Ethel Lewis, Elizabeth H. Mackin, Douglas Maha, George D. Read, Robert Spruill, Harris C. Wilkin.

Uncontested offices, to which the incumbents are returned without opposition, are:

President Charles F. Jones, First Vice President John Gloden, Second Vice President Paul Crockett.

Recorder Mina G. Dorrance, Guardian Kenneth Exley, Guide Elizabeth H. Mackin.

Business Representative No. 2, Charles F. Jones; No. 5, George D. Read; No. 6, Harry F. Alexander.

Finance Committee (3 places) — Harry Coffin, Lorena Lake, Ethel Lewis.

Newsboy Friedman, Jeffries, Johnson

At the Oldtime Newsboys gathering in the Sea Food Grotto on Jack London Square this week some 140 hail-fellows-well-met, assembled and swapped stories about the old days.

Superior Judge Monroe Friedman was believed by many to have walked off with the honors when he told about the big successful financial plunge he took in 1910.

The championship fight between James J. Jeffries and Jack Johnson was staged in Reno on July 4 that year, and the young newspaper salesman who was destined to become a Judge and a champion fund-raiser for the Democrats decided this was it: he invested in 500 papers telling of the defeat of Jeffries, who had been world champ since he knocked out Bob Fitzsimmons in 1899.

"And I sold every one of the 500 papers!" said the Judge.

Big surprise! ILWU to pay a visit to Mr. K

Officers of the International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union have announced that they had received and welcomed an invitation for the union to send a delegation to the Soviet Union.

SAMUEL B. EUBANKS, executive secretary of the San Francisco-Oakland Newspaper Guild, has been elected for a 3-year term to the board of directors of the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California.

COPE MEETING NOVEMBER 10

The next meeting of COPE will be held at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 10. Executive Committee at 7:00 p.m.

Shredded Wheat workers here in on good new pact

The AFLCIO American Bakery & Confectionery Workers, which was recently joined by the workers at the Shredded Wheat plant of the National Biscuit Company here, has negotiated a national contract with National Biscuit Company, bringing a 22-cent hourly increase to 7,000 workers in 10 plants across the nation.

The two-year contract provides a 12-cent across-the-board wage hike retroactive to September 1 and an additional 1-cent raise next September 1.

The workers at the Shredded Wheat plant here voted at an NLRB representational election to disaffiliate from the old Bakery & Confectionery Workers, expelled from the AFLCIO for allegedly corrupt top leadership, and to join the ABC, which was launched by the AFLCIO after the expulsion of the B & C.

The Shredded Wheat workers are affiliating with the Central Labor Council here as Local 125 of the ABC.

According to the AFLCIO News, the old B & C now only represents 1,600 National Biscuit Company employees, and it is assumed many of them will ultimately vote to affiliate with the AFLCIO.

Union on strike, Pomona Tile Co.

Tom Cox, president of Ceramic Tile Workers 3019, Pomona, California, has written to the Central Labor Council, calling attention to the strike of the union against the Pomona Tile Company.

He says that after long weeks of negotiations "the company presented what they called a last, best, and final offer, a proposal that would have destroyed the union and working conditions of these 350 tile workers, that we have built over the last 15 years; a contract that would have cut the wages in some areas, so as to turn one group of the people against the others. If we had accepted this contract, we would have been destroyed within a year."

ILWU Warehouse 6 votes to back Cutter strike

Warehouse Local 6, affiliated with the ILWU, independent, announces that in secret balloting conducted over the past several weeks, the members have voted 6,844 to 1,303 to support Cutter Laboratory strikers for the duration. The strike began September 23; the union says that of the 275 Cutter Lab employees, the male workers receive 22½ cents less than Local 6's base rate, and female employees 29½ cents less than the area rate.

Typo auxiliary whist party Saturday, Nov. 14

Saturday evening, November 14, members of the auxiliary and their friends, also Typographical Union members and friends, will meet at the home of Mrs. Wilma Hackett, 5681 Keith Ave., Oakland, for an evening of whist.

This party gives an opportunity for members of the Typographical Union and their friends to foster the work of the auxiliary, as well as a get-together. Refreshments will be served.

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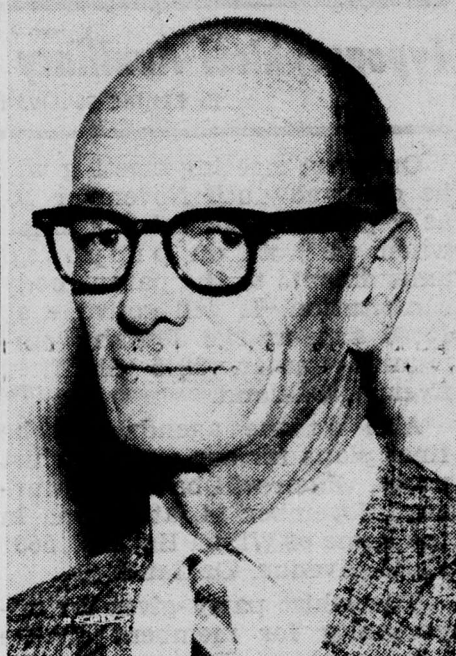
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Fremont labor urged to vote YES Nov. 10 on school mergers

The Central Labor Council has endorsed the uniting of the six schools of the City of Fremont into one district, the question which will be voted on next Tuesday, November 10. Kenneth D. Steadman, Steelworkers 3367, a Fremont City Councilman, makes the following statement in favor of a YES vote:

"There has been a great deal said about the pros and cons of the merging of the six school districts in Fremont into one unionized school district.

For the people to vote and accomplish a merger of communities into one city, and then maintain separate school districts is inconsistent. To set up ordinances, laws, services, etc., from a city government standpoint, for all the citizens of Fremont, whether you live in Warm Springs district, or Niles district, etc., and then have different levels of education, different taxation, and different services in education, is not fair, good, or equitable, and very inconsistent.

The city under its laws and ordinances, sets up zoning and planning statutes. The city says that there is a place for everything, and everything in its place. The city does this, because industry does not want residences in its back yard, and residences do not want industry in their back yard. It is a well known fact that the industrial tax dollar carries 75% of the taxload.

But by maintaining separate school districts, we are allowing existing, and potential industry to only support the educational system in two particular districts, thus shifting the heavy tax load in the other districts to the industrial home-owner and taxpayer. And we all know that school taxes are more than double the city tax you pay.

By maintaining separate school districts, we are allowing a very inequitable situation to exist, and one which will become more inequitable as time goes on.

As far as the question of delaying building programs is concerned, it is my belief that this will not happen. At least very little. The only building program now underway is in the Irvington district. According to State officials, only one project out

of ten in Irvington may be affected, and this one for only possibly three months. Opponents have never said the building program will be delayed. They have only said, it may be delayed.

Well, anything and everything is possible, but in most cases not very probable. But they have also said, no merger, but later.

Well, I don't believe there is anyone who is naive enough to believe that the school building program will ever stop. To the contrary, the school building program will accelerate, and become bigger, and merger later on could be faced and will be faced with a larger building program as time goes on.

The problem here is whether we the people will provide a fair, equitable and uniform education and its advantages to all the children of Fremont, or to just a special few. I urge you to vote YES on November 10.

Interest hike is held to be more inflationary than a steel wage rise

PALM SPRINGS — Pres. Jacob S. Potofsky of the Clothing Workers has charged that the recent interest rate hike slapped on loans by private bankers poses a greater inflationary threat than any steel price increase.

Potofsky blasted the "handful of New York bankers, who, he said, paved the way by boosting the primary interest rate to five percent.

That action, he added, would sharply increase the cost of doing business all over the nation and yet it is "accepted in much the same fashion we accept the weather report."—AFLCIO News.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

Steel Machinists 1304

By DAVE ARCA

Veterans Day, November 11th, chosen to celebrate the end of World War I, now honors participants of all wars. We'd like to remind our members that many wives participated in these wars by keeping the home front intact for veterans to come home to.

We'd like also to remind our members that an economic war is now raging in the steel industry. Steel executives are bitterly assailing the right of Steelworkers to deny management the right to discontinue work practices and procedures gained by the union after long years of bargaining.

We want to remind our members that steel executives are being paid enormous salaries while this struggle is going on.

Dividends are being distributed to stockholders, even while the mills are down and not producing. Steel executives have not publicized these facts, they hope to blame the union for this expense, when agreement is finally reached. Our international officers and representatives are working without salaries during this effort.

Any claim of steel executives blaming the steelworkers for expenses during the period of the strike, is pure propaganda. Anything else you need to know, management will manufacture for you.

Typographical Auxiliary

By ERMINE SULLIVAN

Our next meeting meeting will be deferred until November 10, as required by the international, when we vote on proposed amendments to the parent body constitution. It will convene at 10:30 a.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 3245 Sheffield Avenue, Oakland.

Also on the agenda will be final plans for our annual whist party, which will be held Saturday, November 14, at 8 p.m., in the home of Wilma Hackett, 5681 Keith Avenue, Oakland.

The whist party gives an opportunity for members of the Typographical Union and their friends to foster the work of our auxiliary, as well as a get-together for some of our members who cannot attend regularly. Refreshments will be served. If you can't bring the prize you wish to donate to the November 10 meeting, you may bring it on the night of the card party.

The member who cleverly decorated the table with fruits and vegetables and made place mats in the shape of pumpkins at our regular meeting October 1 insists on remaining anonymous. They truly were beautiful.

The international convention report proved interesting and bingo lots of fun at an infrequent evening meeting held at Mary Farley's home October 15.

Mary served delicious refreshments.

Our best wishes go to the Howard Stapletons, who have moved into their new home.

Alma Strong recently underwent surgery, and we wish her a speedy recovery, as we do other of our ill members.

Don't forget the whist party—November 14.

Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

Just to let you San Jose members know that we are still on the job, we are glad to notify you that we had a \$4.95 sign removed from the front of the Gensler-Lee store in San Jose this week.

The union at the last meeting agreed with the AFLCIO General Convention resolution to donate one hour's pay per month to the striking steel workers. We don't have to elaborate on this strike because it is clear to everyone in the labor movement there is a definite attempt to break down the working conditions of the workers. Starting with the month of November we would request that you include one hour's pay with your dues payment so that we may make a contribution to help these harassed workers.

You must remember that there are no meetings in San Francisco during the months of November and December due to the holidays. We are calling this to your attention so that you will remember to mail in your union dues if you have been accustomed to paying them at the union meetings. Also remember there is a change in the dues payments for the month of November.

Painters Local No. 127

By J. S. MILLER

Ten days until the grand and glorious shindig at John's banquet rooms on November 14th. Brother painter, don't miss this as we always have a good time. All you can eat, a good show and dancing until you drop. What more can you get for three dollars?

As I am writing this a great many thoughts are going through this small brain of mine. There are so many conflicting reports on the new so-called labor law that it is enough to drive anyone crazy, if we are not already. No one knows what it is all about, except that it will be a lot harder to maintain a labor union than it has been in the past.

Secretary of Labor Mitchell is calling in lawyers, President Meany is calling lawyers, President Gray of the Building Trades Department is calling lawyers, in fact, every time you talk to anyone you are told don't do anything until you have seen a lawyer. Poor lawyers, I hope that they have enough to eat in

the next few years, I know that many workers will not.

Have you compared your working card with the man along side of you? Try it and see if they are both the same, you may get a surprise.

Steamfitters Local 342

By JIM MARTIN

The holidays for Steamfitters Union No. 342 are the same as provided for in the Alameda County Building Trades and Contra Costa Building Trades Councils' Constitution. Veterans Day, November 11th, is a holiday in Alameda County but not in Contra Costa County, therefore it is a regular work day for our members working in Contra Costa County.

Our next membership meeting will be held on November 19, 1959. We urge that you attend all Union meetings.

COPE loses with Wolden, but Joe Casey reelected

Assessor Russ Wolden, backed by COPE in San Francisco, was defeated Tuesday in his race for Mayor. George Christopher, backed by William Kilpatrick of Cooks 44 and some other labor people, was returned to office.

Joe Casey, backed by COPE and well known to East Bay labor, was reelected Supervisor with the five other incumbents.

Refugee from Poland is made joint board leader

NEW YORK—Heno Mendelsund has been elected manager of the New York Cloak Joint Board of the Ladies' Garment Workers, succeeding Isidore Nagler, ILGWU vice president who died recently.

Mendelsund, 48, was Nagler's assistant for the past six years. He joined the ILGWU as a machine operator in 1941, the year he came from Poland as a refugee from both Nazi persecution and Soviet "liberation."—AFLCIO News

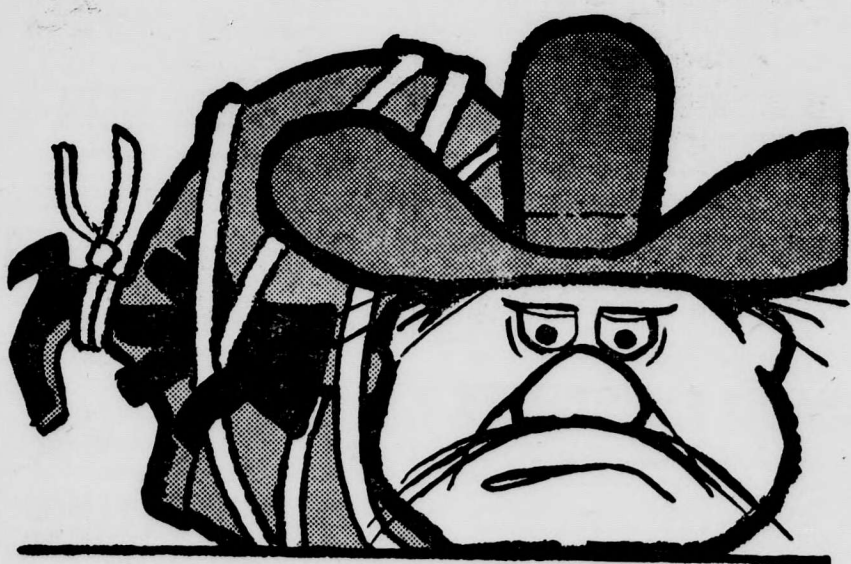
Labor's Film Council on runaway foreign films

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. — The Hollywood AFL Film Council, representing 24,000 workers in the motion picture industry, has issued a brochure urging union members to demand an investigation of "runaway" foreign production of American movie and television films.

The brochure also urges legislation requiring prominent labeling of all films with the country of origin.—AFLCIO News

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OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

AUTOMOBILE SALESMEN 1095

Please be advised that the next regular meeting of Automobile Salesmen 1095, will be held November 5, 1959 at 8:00 p.m.

Location: Cooks Hall, 1608 Webster Street, Oakland. All members should attend this meeting.

Fraternally,
ALBERT R. SILVA,
Secretary

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

SPECIAL ELECTION of Carpenters 1622, 1050 Mattox Road, Hayward. Purpose, to vote to fill the vacancy of business representative, due to the death of Brother Leon McCool. Also to elect to fill any vacancy caused by resignation to run for business representative.

The nomination of candidates will be held at the November 6, 1959 regular meeting.

IMPORTANT: The election will be held Friday, November 13, 1959 between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Active contracting members and those who have not been a member of Local No. 1622 for 12 consecutive months are not eligible to vote (as per Sec. 42 Par. W and Sec. 43 Par. Q of the International Constitution.)

This is an important election and every eligible member should vote.

Fraternally yours,
MARIUS WALDAL,
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD CULINARY 823

All three meetings of this union will be held on the third Tuesday of the month, the first at 9:30 a.m., the second at 2:30 p.m., and the third at 8:00 p.m. at the union headquarters.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, November 17.

Fraternally,
ROY WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer

CARPENTERS 36

Unless otherwise specified regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8 p.m. at Carpenters Hall, 761 - 12th Street, Oakland, Calif.

A special called meeting will be held Friday at 8 p.m., November 6, 1959, to decide on some sort of an assistance to the Steel Workers Strike, which has been continuing for three months. All carpenters should make every effort to attend this special called meeting as you are asked to make some donation to this most worthy cause.

Refreshments will be served. The stewards will meet Thursday at 8 p.m. November 19, 1959.

The educational committee will meet Wednesday at 8 p.m. November 25, 1959.

Fraternally yours,
OSCAR N. ANDERSON,
Recording Secretary

PAINTERS LOCAL 127

The next meeting is Thursday, November 12, 1959. There are only two more meetings left this year, so let's get down to the last ones. There is always something important to come up at the meetings.

Also, don't forget the local dinner dance and entertainment, all for \$3.00 each. Where can you get such a good deal for this price? Hope to see a lot of the members at this big affair of the year, Saturday, November 14, 1959, at 7:30.

Fraternally yours,
ED GULBRANSEN,
Recording Secretary

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IMPORTANT

The executive board has called a special meeting to be held Tuesday night, November 17, 1959 in Hall M, 3rd floor at the hour of 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of hearing legal advice on the new labor laws just enacted by your Congress.

We have arranged to have a very competent attorney to explain this vicious law to us.

As per bylaws, a penalty of \$5.00 will be imposed for non-attendance. Do not fail to attend.

Fraternally yours,
JOE B. WANGBERG,
President
LES BENHAM,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Business Representative

CO. SCHOOL EMPLOYEES 257

The next regular meeting will be held at 1918 Grove Street, Oakland, on November 7, 1959, at 2:00 p.m.

Nomination of officers and Executive Board members at-large will be opened at this meeting.

The Executive Board will meet at 10:30 a.m.

Fraternally yours,
JOE FALLS,
Secretary

MILLMEN 550

ELECTION NOTICE!

Due to the death of our recording secretary, M. D. Cicinato, on October 3, the office of recording secretary is vacant.

Therefore at our next meeting, Friday, November 6, 1959, at 8 p.m., Hall "A" Labor Temple, Oakland, nominations for the office of recording secretary will be a special order of business.

November 20, 1959, will be election day. The ballot box will be open all day from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. The meeting of this date will be held in Hall D of the Labor Temple, second floor.

Also, nomination and election of a "pension committeeman" or "trustee" to serve on our forthcoming Mill Cabinet Pensions Plan will be held at the same time.

Fraternally yours,
GEORGE E. WHITE,
President

CLERKS, LUMBER HANDLERS 939

The next regular meeting of Clerks and Lumber Handlers Local 939, will be held on Friday, November 13, 1959.

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be no meeting on Friday, November 27, 1959.

Fraternally yours,
A. R. ESTES,
Recording Secretary

BERKELEY PAINTERS LOCAL 40

Our next meeting of November 13, 1959 has been designated a special meeting to discuss and act on the following: Social and lawyers funds and our life insurance program.

This concerns every member's welfare and pocket book, so let's have a good turnout to plan our next years program.

Fraternally yours,
GENE SLATER,
Recording Secretary



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Election of officers and delegates will be held Monday, November 9.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. on that date at the union headquarters, 6537 Foothill Boulevard.

Yours fraternally,
HARRIS WILKIN,
Secretary-Treasurer

PAINT MAKERS 1101

The next regular meeting of Paint Makers 1101 will be held Tuesday, November 17, at 8 p.m. in Hall C of the Labor Temple.

Fraternally,
PETE CEREMELLO,
Secretary-Treasurer

STEAMFITTERS LOCAL 342

Registrations of officers for the years 1960-61 were opened at the membership meeting held October 15. The first reading of registrants will be held at our membership meeting to be held on November 5, 1959.

Registrations will be closed on November 12, 1959 at 9:00 p.m.

The election will be held on Sunday, December 13, 1959 in Hall "D" of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, California.

The polls will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The election will be held in accordance with the bylaws of this Union, the United Association constitution and the Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959.

Fraternally yours,
JAMES MARTIN,
Financial Secretary and
Business Manager

CARPENTERS 194, 1158 & 1473

The Business Agents' and Dispatchers' office is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, room 232, phone TWinoaks 3-1120.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 216

Sheet Metal Workers are reminded that Wednesday, November 11, Veterans' Day, is a recognized holiday under the terms of the agreement with the sheet metal contractors and no work is to be performed on this day.

The Sheet Metal Workers' International Association has sent notification out to all affiliated unions that due to the resignation of Joseph Fitzgerald, Local No. 104, San Francisco, as second vice president of the International Association, this vacancy has been filled by the appointment of Frank Burk, business representative and financial secretary of Local No. 104. His title will be Tenth General Vice President of the Sheet Metal Workers International Association.

The last death assessment levied by the Tri-State Council is No. 438.

Fraternally,
LLOYD CHILD,
Business Representative

STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Regular meeting Thursday, November 5th, at 8:00 p.m.

Executive Board meets 6:30 p.m. Nominations for COPE delegate, welfare committee, and law and legislative committee.

Fraternally yours,
DAVE ARCA
Recording Secretary

UC EMPLOYEES 371

The next regular meeting of UC Employees Local 371 will be held at the Colombo Hall 5321 Claremont Ave., Oakland at 2:00 p.m. November 14, 1959. The ex board will meet at the same place at 12:30.

Nominations will be in order for the coming year, of officers to be elected, both to office and executive board.

A special meeting was called by President McCullum October 31, 1959 to vote on wage increase. The numbers of Local 371 voted to accept wage scale offered by the University of California retroactive to July 1, 1959.

December 12, 1959 at 7 p.m.

Christmas dinner and party at Belini's Restaurant, 4126 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland. Members free, wives and guests \$1.00.

Fraternally yours,
C. F. MARTIN
Secretary

HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

Our next meeting is scheduled to be just another regular one. The date is November 6. You're not barred, you are urged to attend the meetings; they are all worth while.

The financial report for the third quarter is available in our office. Ask F. S. Mountjoy for one.

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT S. MILLER
Recording Secretary

Professor gives labor good grades

CLEVELAND — A university professor gave labor good grades for classroom performance at the close of an educational conference here on prices, productivity, and peace where conferees tried to translate technological progress into human needs and desires.

"You came well prepared," Dean Leslie Brown of Western Reserve University told 400 delegates at the closing session of the fourth annual Cleveland Joint Labor Conference.

"It is evident many of you did intensive reading on economic subjects. Your questions were thoughtful, intelligent, pointed.

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Workers money in disability fund being dissipated: Fed

Worker contributions into the state Unemployment Disability Insurance Fund are unnecessarily being dissipated at the rate of \$2 million a year, it was revealed before a State Assembly Interim Subcommittee on Social Insurance headed by Jerome Waldie (D., Contra Costa).

Under questioning by committee members Ron Cameron and Jesse M. Unruh (both Democrats, Los Angeles), Department of Employment representatives admitted that in order to meet an operating deficit in the State Disability Fund, the department is selling long-term high-interest rate Government bonds at a loss, instead of transferring monies in the Unemployment Fund which are available for disability compensation and drawing low interest from Government bonds in Washington.

The disclosure came as lower house legislators were prying into the operating deficit of the State Disability Insurance Fund and the question of whether or not so-called voluntary plans permitted under the State program are carrying their fair share of unemployment disability benefit costs.

Under the \$65 per week benefit structure won by the California Labor Federation at the 1959 session of the legislature, the State Disability Fund is operating at a substantial deficit which will increase annually, according to Department of Employment estimates.

When the \$65 a week benefit was enacted it was known that an operating deficit would result. The legislature, however, decided not to increase worker contributions because of the large reserves in the D. I. fund which have been accumulated over the years of lower benefit payments.

In order to make up the operating deficit, the Department of Employment has been selling long-term 4½% federal government bonds in which a large portion of the D. I. fund re-

serves are invested. In addition to losing the 4½% interest rate, the market value of these bonds has also dropped below par as a result of the high interest rate policies of the Eisenhower Administration, thus producing a net capital loss to the fund as the bonds themselves are sold.

On the other hand, the Assembly committee was told that there are some \$103 million on deposit in the Unemployment Fund from worker contributions made during 1944-1945 before the establishment of the disability insurance program in 1947. At the time of the establishment of the disability insurance program, these worker contributions, under a permissive federal law, were made available for payment of disability insurance benefits.

The \$103 million is on deposit in Washington to the credit of the state and has earned another \$28 million. The funds in turn are invested in low-interest bearing government bonds. — California Labor Federation.

Top kicks of Key will be kicked out, implies Transit District head

The Alameda - Contra Costa Transit District directors, at their first meeting since passage of the \$16,500,000 transit bond issue, heard a report by General Manager John R. Worthington on the necessary steps that must be taken in order to get the district into operation by next July.

"It is assumed on my part that we must make replacements of the official family of the Key System, which at present consists of Glen L. Stanley, president; E. H. Seims, vice president, secretary and treasurer, and Earle J. Wilson, controller," he added.

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Swift Co. pay up, but Southerners lose equal wage

The AFLCIO News in its October 31 issue gives the terms of the agreement reached by the Packinghouse Workers and the Meat Cutters with 36 Swift & Co. meat packing plants.

Wage increases of from 8.5 cents to 15 cents an hour over a two-year period, plus major improvements in vacation, separation pay, and health and welfare benefits are provided for.

The two unions, presenting a united front, had been on strike from August 20 to October 26.

There is some differential between northern and southern plants. At the 28 northern plants, where 16,000 workers are employed, the wage increase is 8.5 cents immediately, and an additional 6.5 cents on September 1, 1960—equal to the wage agreement with the Armour chain negotiated earlier by the two unions. But workers at the Nashville, Tenn., plant will receive the 8.5 cents but not the second year raise. At six other southern plants, the raise will be 5 cents immediately and an additional 3.5 cents in 1960.

The Swift management, which began negotiations with a demand for wage cuts and strongly opposed any increase to the southern plants, claimed that the reestablishment of a southern differential, which the unions had succeeded in wiping out in previous negotiations, was necessary to enable the company to compete with nonunion packers in the South.

It was agreed to seek through local negotiations settlement of continuing strikes at 25 small processing centers and poultry plants and at the meat packing plant at Wilson, N. C.

MARSHALL THORPE, secretary, Printing Specialties Local 382, is a member of the board of directors of the Alameda County Mental Health Association, which holds a conference tomorrow (Saturday) at Bret Harte Junior High School in Hayward on "Mental Illness—A Community Responsibility."

Seminar on negotiated pension funds will be held in S. F. Nov. 12-13

In order that trustees and administrators of negotiated pension funds may keep abreast of current developments, Merrill Lynch is sponsoring a two-day seminar at the Sheraton Palace Hotel, Thursday and Friday, November 12th and 13th.

Topics will include: general economic conditions, pension fund investing, responsibility and duties of banks as co-trustees and custodians, considerations in pension planning from the administrator's view, considerations in pension planning: a panel of consultants, legal aspects and developments in the pension fund field, and available investment services. All talks will be followed by question-and-answer periods.

Participants in the seminar on the above subjects will include representatives from the University of California's Economics Department and Graduate School of Business Administration, local banks, actuaries, lawyers and pension plan administrators.

Tickets for admission to all sessions may be secured free of charge by union representatives and business men. Call or write to George Stromberg, EXbrook 2-2311, or 301 Montgomery St., San Francisco 4, California.

MINE MILL SMELTER Union former or present officials to the number of 11 are on trial in Denver Federal District Court on charges of conspiracy in filing non-Communist affidavits. Maurice Travis of San Pablo is one of the accused persons.

Postal Council to fete Congressmen and both Senators

A. B. McClintock, secretary of the Postal Central Council of Alameda and Contra Costa counties, announces that in line with the policy of the affiliated postal unions throughout the Nation, of honoring their friends, and a plague upon their enemies, the council will hold a testimonial dinner on Saturday, November 7th at Fratellanza Club banquet hall at 7:45 P.M. in honor of the three Congressmen from the Bay Area and both Senators, all of whom have consistently voted in favor of legislation beneficial to postal employees and retired men.

The three Congressmen are: Congressman Geo. P. Miller, a friend of labor all the time, Congressman Jeffery Cohelan, who has proven his loyalty in the short time he has been in Congress, and Congressman John F. Baldwin, who has consistently supported postal legislation.

Both Senators Thos. H. Kuchel and Clair Engle have a good record in regard to postal legislation, therefore they have both been invited.

Cocktails will be served at 6:30 P.M. and the dinner proper will start at 7:45 P.M. Tickets are \$2.50, and all postal employees and friends are invited, until the tickets are all gone. There are 425 seats available. First come first served. Am enclosing a little flyer on the affair for further details. Hope you will be able to give this a nice plug, as we are looking ahead to 1960.

New law requires insurance payments for foot treatment

An important amendment to the Insurance Code of the State of California, which became effective on September 18, 1959, makes mandatory the payment of benefits under health insurance policies to podiatrists-chiropractors. This new benefit for the worker became effective on September 18, 1959, or at any time thereafter that a medical disability policy is issued or renewed, the California Podiatry Association states in a press release.

Although most insurance companies have given full recognition to these foot specialists in the past, many workers found that when claims were submitted to some insurance companies, especially those issuing individual policies, such claims were denied on the basis that chiropractors were not specifically named in the contract.

As a result of these conflicting interpretations, and after many meetings with representatives of insurance carriers, the California Association of Chiropractors went to the State Legislature and had introduced an amendment to the Insurance Code in order to remedy a situation which the insurance companies failed to correct.

The new legislation provides that any medical or surgical insurance policy issued in California shall pay for medical and surgical services of podiatrists-chiropractors on the same basis as such services are paid to M. D.'s and D. O.'s. Policyholders in the future will not be in doubt as to whether or not they will have coverage if they utilize the services of highly-trained foot specialists in the field of chiropody.

The California Podiatry Association - (California Association of Chiropractors) has always co-operated in the past with insurance companies, unions, health and welfare fund, employers, or other holders of health insurance policies, and will continue to do so in order to make this new legislation workable and equitable for all parties concerned.

Information concerning the legislation, or Podiatry-Chiropody in general, may be secured by contacting the California Podiatry Association, 209 Post St., Room 809, San Francisco, Sutter 1-2387.

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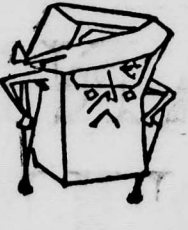

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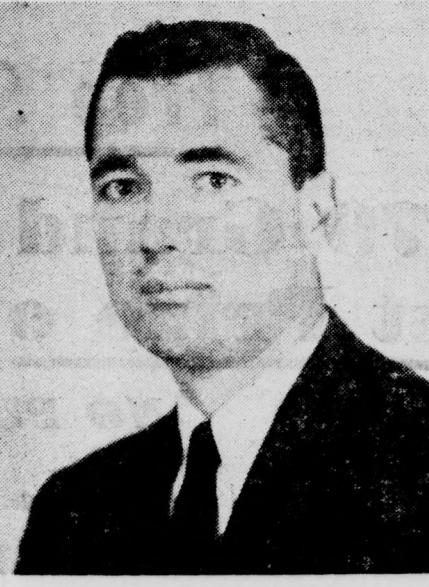
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Store Clerks to elect 12 to board Tuesday, Nov. 17th

Department and Specialty Store Employees Local 1265 will hold an election Tuesday, November 17, to choose 12 out of 14 candidates to go on the executive board for the two-year term beginning January 1, 1960.

All officers except President Lyle Custer were reelected without opposition, and Custer was not a candidate for reelection; he is succeeded by Louis de George, who had no opposition.

The 14 candidates for the 12 places on the executive board are: Alice Barnes, Dan Breault, Mervin Brown, Jerome Carlisch, Arvie Davis, Bill Devine, Wilma Frazier, Mona Freye, Al Kidder, Mary Jane Mercer, Ted Passailaigue, Harriet Sanborn, Charles Smith, and T. J. Wheatley.

The following officers are by virtue of their office members of the executive board: president, the two vice presidents, the secretary-treasurer, and the recorder.

Following are the officers reelected without opposition:

First and Second Vice Presidents, respectively, Josie Eide, Steve Babbitt.

Secretary - Treasurer Russ Mathiesen.

Recorder Mildred Patterson.

Trustees Henry Brown, O. W. Hopper, T. J. Wheatley.

Guide Harry Brody.

Guardian Arthur Hurwitz.

Business Representatives Dan Breault, Bill Devine, Al Kidder.

Kennedy dares lawyers to equal labor's record

DAYTON, O. — Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) has challenged the legal profession to follow organized labor's example and cast out its "unethical and unscrupulous" practitioners.

In a speech to the local bar association, Kennedy lashed out at "legal labor racketeers"—those attorneys "who have actively helped to build the sordid structure of power and greed" uncovered by the McClellan special Senate committee.—AFLCIO News

35 million new homes by 1975 needed, says labor

WASHINGTON — Thirty-five million new homes must be built by 1975 to provide decent housing for every American family, the AFLCIO Department of Research reports.

Labor's Economic Review, one of the department's monthly publications, warns that slums and rural shacks where one out of four families now live can be eliminated only by a sharp increase in housing keyed to the needs of low and middle income families.—AFLCIO News

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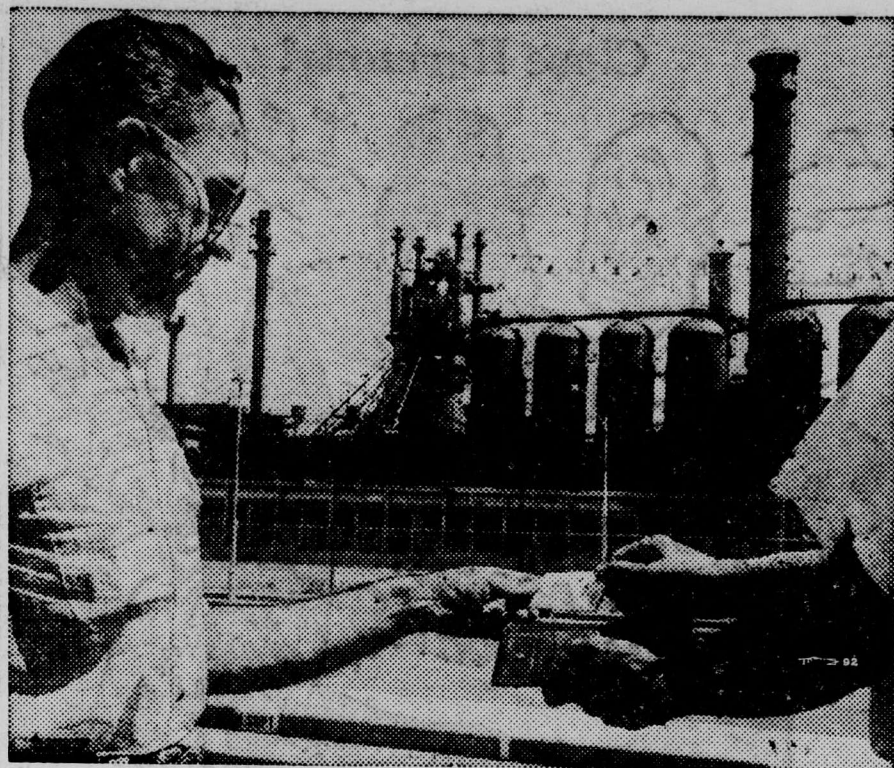
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PEACEFUL SCENE shown above is a contrast with the bloody struggles of 1913-14, when union members were beaten and shot in the streets and jailed by scores. Steelworkers Picket Captain Harley Baldwin is shown checking the pass of a maintenance worker preparing to enter. By agreement with the company, those with appropriate business were cleared through the lines on passes issued by the union. So despite the hostility of the present Administration, unionism by building its strength is accepted as part of the American community as it wasn't in 1913-14.

BTC gift to Vets Christmas is put in snafu by Labor Law

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partment's convention in September in San Francisco.

The resolution requires the executive officers of the Department to issue a directive to all local councils to enforce the article, which changes the representation of locals in the council.

One provision is that "where two or more local unions of a national or international union form a district council, representation of the local unions may come through said district council in lieu of direct representation from the local unions. In any event, where two or more local unions of the same national or international union are affiliated with the council, the said local unions shall be entitled to representation in the council on the basis of their combined membership only."

Copies of the letter sent by the Department calling for strict enforcement are going to all locals affiliated with the council, and the law and legislative committee to draw up new clauses to cover the directed changes.

STATE BTC LAWYERS

BTC Business Representative J. L. Childers reported to the delegates on the State BTC conference in San Francisco, where a full day was spent discussing the new law, with labor lawyers present to lead the discussion. Childers said that many com-

plicated problems about picketing as regulated by the new law as yet have no answers. He has been put on a committee of the State BTC to search for answers.

It is possible, he said, that a test case on some of the moot points will be pushed up to the Supreme Court to get some clear and final answers.

TRIBUTE TO MCCOOL

Adjournment was in respect to the memory of Leon McCool, business representative of Hayward Carpenters 1622, who died suddenly October 22. McCool was a highly respected delegate to the council.

PICKETED JOB

Childers reported that a picket was still on the San Pablo Avenue motel job, and that the wife of the owner of the place had phoned and asked for a conference with him on the matter, which had been held.

Mine Mill Smelter Union refuses ban on Commies

TORONTO, Ont.—Proposals to amend the Canadian constitution of the Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers to bar Communists from holding office were defeated in a roll call vote at the union's Canadian convention here.

The amendments were sponsored by the new anti-Communist administration of the big Sudbury, Ont., local, which has 14,000 members.—AFLCIO News

State accused of strikebreaker aid

The State Employment Department is in effect rewarding workers who passed picket lines during the flint glass strike, and penalizing those who observed the picket lines, says Central Labor Council Assistant Secretary Richard Groulx.

Groulx said when there was no work available at the Owens-Illinois plant, though the company had written a letter to employees claiming there was, some passed the picket line to report at the plant, others did not.

"Unemployment benefits were paid to those who passed the line, none to those who didn't," said Groulx. "This amounts to having the State of California encourage strikebreaking."

Leader Conference held in Monterey

The Central Labor Council will resume its regular sequence of meetings next Monday, November 9. There was no meeting this week due to the Leadership Conference organized by the council being held in Monterey.

The Leadership Conference began Sunday and ended Wednesday, the second annual event of the sort sponsored by the CLC. Each day was devoted to talks by experts and discussion by those in attendance of the major problems facing those conducting the affairs of unions.

Millmen 550! Here is good Laney Trade class!

Anthony Ramos, business representative of Millmen 550, asks members of that union, whether journeymen or apprentices, to send a postcard to him at the union office, Room 224, 2315 Valdez Street, if they are interested in a course being arranged for at Laney Trade School in knife grinding and sticker setup.

He asks prompt action on this, and says the course is so thorough it would benefit any man.

Labor-management teams increasing Crusade donations

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welfare and youth guidance agencies.

United Parcel Service employees, including members of Teamsters Local 70, report giving 14 percent over last year, while workers at the Earle M. Jorgensen Co. jumped their gifts 16.4 percent over 1958 with the help of members of Teamsters Local 70 and Warehousemen's Local 853.

Employees of Mothers Cake and Cookie Co., with members of the Bakery and Confectionery Workers International Union, Local 125, joining in the effort, this year increased their giving 38.8 percent over last year.

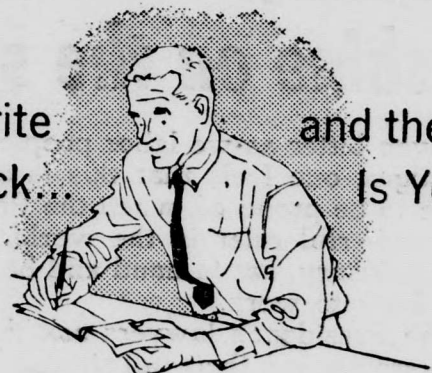
Dailey Body Co. employees chalked up a record of 100 percent participation and a 50 percent increase over last year with members of East Bay Automotive Machinists Lodge No. 1546 assuming active leadership in the appeal as they have throughout the industry.

Crusade leaders reported the dairy industry's annual labor-management Crusade effort, while still incomplete, is again producing "generous" results. Under the joint leadership of Milk Drivers & Dairy Employees Local 302, and the Alameda County Milk Dealers' Association, the industry's labor-management Crusade program tripled support for the welfare effort between 1952, the year it was inaugurated, and 1958.

Unions participating in the program include the Milk Drivers; Office Employees' International Union, Local 29; East Bay Automotive Machinists Lodge 1546; Stationary Engineers Local 39; Culinary Workers' Alliance, Local 31; Steamfitters, Local 342, and Teamsters, Local 70.

NLRB GENERAL COUNSEL Stuart Rothman told 500 labor lawyers and company executives at a Sheraton - Palace Hotel luncheon this week that he hoped there would be little formal litigation filed for the sole purpose of testing the new labor law.

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Pessimistic? Realistic? Think before you answer

One of the most striking things that has been said about the new labor law was said at the labor editors' convention held just before the AFL-CIO convention in San Francisco by John Cooper, president of the Los Angeles Joint Board of Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders Unions.

President Meany had told the editors that the vote in the House for the Landrum-Griffin bill showed that labor leadership has failed to win the support of many union members to the positions and principles adopted by the leadership, or to win the support of such members to the need for electing men to Congress. Cooper went on to tell the labor editors:

"I would go further than President Meany and state that, in my opinion, had the Landrum-Griffin bill, as first passed by the House of Representatives, been submitted by secret ballot referendum to only members of organized labor, union members would have voted in favor of this legislation by an even greater majority than when this bill was first adopted by the House of Representatives."

Is that statement to be dismissed as pessimism, or accepted as realism?

Accepting it as realism might serve to wake up some of our sleeper people. But shucks, they're the very ones who will call it pessimism, smash the alarm clock, and go to sleep.

5% for building union jobs

On another page of this issue of East Bay Labor Journal is a picture of the big urban renewal project being undertaken in Chicago by the Building Service Employees International Union.

President William L. McFetridge of that union gives a very practical bread and butter reason for a union tackling such a project. He says that "urban renewal means job opportunity for our membership," and that he has long had a deep "interest in the destruction of the urban population throughout the United States and the lack of growth opportunity in the jobs for our membership. This is in spite of our increasing ability to acquire membership in the existing jobs."

Many custodians, window cleaners, and elevator operators will be needed in the projected big new buildings. And "union funds will earn 5% under a Government guarantee."

The sunshine on the steel

Angry and even bitter as we labor people get over the rulings of some Judges, one feels that this is a pretty good old country, and one to be proud of, when the President, supposed to be the most powerful ruler in the world, has to approach the independent judiciary, hat in hand and beg their permission to send strikers back to work.

And when the President's lawyers ask the Supreme Court to make the strikers not use their full six-day stay from the decision of a lower court, but file their appeal at once, the Supreme Court, in this good old country of ours, tells the said powerful ruler in one short sentence the equivalent of "Nuts to you!"

When we lose, we've had our "day in court," and with all its defects, that "day" is full of the sunshine of freedom.

Let's play another record

Let's lay off on Alabama and Arkansas for a moment, and consider the state of integration in California, notably in Berkeley, where a long and careful survey brings out these facts:

At 6 of the 14 Berkeley schools, Negro children are less than 1 percent; at 4 others they are less than 25%; at the remaining 4 schools Negro children are from 43.2 to 95.2%.

Depends, of course, on whether a school is in a "good" neighborhood or in the ghetto.

Now let's turn on the Alabama and Arkansas record again!

Emeryville the tax-avoider

Governor Brown said recently that if we're going to have a fair system of taxation we must quit having Emeryvilles, that is, municipalities made up almost entirely of factories and business establishments, with very few bona fide residents.

That lets the business places off with low taxes; they don't have to pay for schools and other public needs. The workers live elsewhere in almost entirely residential area, and bear the whole burden of schools, etc. How long, O Lord, how long!

Close Harmony!



40 CENTS AN HOUR, BUT MONTH'S RENT \$3.60!

At the request of East Bay Labor Journal, Dr. Charles A. Gulick, professor of economics at UC, gives this interesting account of how Austria, which he recently visited, prospered after "four elephants in a rowboat" left it, and yet how different, in money terms, this prosperity is from ours:

Vienna in the late winter, spring and early summer of 1959 was, in one respect especially, a most enjoyable experience. In 1930 I had seen the city cursed by unemployment, bitter poverty, and equally bitter political dissension. Between 1918 and 1930 Austria had had a series of economic and political crises. There was something left of the old gay life, but for an extremely small percentage of the population.

My next trip was a long stay in 1936-37. When we arrived in June of 1936, the brief civil war of 1934 was only a little more than two years in the background and the bitterness I had seen in 1930 was exceeded a hundred fold by what I saw six years later.

The economic situation was poor. The country was in the grasp of that particularly contemptible and hypocritical form of fascism which preceded Hitler's seizure but which many people seem to have forgotten.

By 1952, our third trip, the economic situation had improved substantially, but the tiny little country was in that condition so aptly described by its president, Karl Renner: "The occupying powers are four elephants in a rowboat."

Within the next seven years before we could return the elephants had left and Austria was riding on a flood of prosperity, the like of which the workers had never enjoyed before.

Time and again I heard Austrians described what had happened by the statement that since World War II the working man had gone from a bicycle to a motorized bike to a motorcycle to an automobile. One revealing statistic tells a great deal: between January 1 and June 15 of 1959, the city of Vienna issued an average of 941 new automobile licences per week. Whatever connotation the word may have

35-hour week

We are living in an enlightened age—and a dangerous one—where machines are now performing work previously done by manual labor.

The worker has a right to some benefits of automation, which is resulting in record profits in many industries including Western Union.

The 35-hour week proposal, without loss of pay, is a fair approach to the times in which we live.—William Green in 1936

for a particular individual, this is still "revolution." Unfortunately there is another less happy side to this; in the same five and a half months there were in Vienna 641 automobile accidents per week reported to the police.

Other evidences of the widespread prosperity could be seen in every candy shop and on every street. The difference in the quality of the clothing in 1959 as compared with 1930, or even 1952, was almost startling.

Some of these developments appear impossible when I tell you that a highly skilled automobile mechanic receives ten Austrian schillings per hour—the almost exact equivalent of forty cents. The explanation lies chiefly in the retention of rent control. My automobile mechanic friend who told me his wages, pays for a small apartment only ninety schillings (\$3.60) a month. One of my friends in the Parliament has a beautiful apartment in the outskirts of Vienna with as lovely a view as you can find in central Europe (except in the high mountains) which would cost him a minimum of \$175 unfurnished in the Bay Area. He pays the equivalent of \$22 a month.

Food costs, except for a few items like milk, are very close to what they are in the Bay Area. Clothing is appreciably cheaper.

The complete word

"Tell us in a single word what is the most important thing in American civilization."

This was the task posed for educator Max Lerner by a Polish journalist in Warsaw last year. A dozen responses ran through Dr. Lerner's head. Liberty . . . Equality . . . Democracy . . . Tolerance. But none of them seemed exactly right. Finally, thinking furiously, Lerner heard himself say, "Access."

"We have heard of American success," said the Polish writer, "but never of American access. What is that?"

"Our Declaration of Independence," replied Lerner, "says that men are born free and equal. Actually we know they are born very unequal, for they have unequal potentials. But we believe all youngsters should have equal access to opportunities to develop what potentials they have. In this sense, access is the key to our society." — Washington Teamster.

OPINIONS

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20th ANNIVERSARY, APPRENTICE PLAN

Editor, Labor Journal:

The dynamic growth and development of the California State Apprenticeship Program was unfolded at the 20th Anniversary meeting of the California Apprenticeship Council, October 29, 30 and 31, at the Leamington Hotel, Oakland. The remaining first Council members, L. A. Ireland, first chairman; Archie Mooney, first secretary; and George Rosecrans, first public representative, were invited as guests of honor.

These first members of the Council recalled that, TWENTY YEARS AGO, on October 14, 1939, the first meeting was called to order by George Kidwell, Director of the Department of Industrial Relations. The legislative act setting up the program was read. Archie Mooney, Assistant to the Director, was cited for his sustained efforts of five years in promoting, to its adoption, California's Apprenticeship Labor Standards Act. Also at this meeting the official name "California Apprenticeship Council" was adopted.

TODAY—1959: 20 years of fostering and promoting the welfare of the apprentice and industry, marks a record in totals of, 142,641 registrations of apprentice agreements, 45,079 completions, 20,341 active agreements, and an average of 10,612 new registrations each year. This is a fine record, but the Council—not content to rest on old laurels—is looking forward to 1960 and an increase of potential skilled craftsmen.

The California Apprenticeship Council is looking forward to hosting the remaining original members of the Council for they will bring with them their experiences, accomplishments, and dedication of more than 20-years service to the furthering of California's Apprenticeship Training Program.

EARL MOORE,
Publicity Chairman

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'MY FLIP-FLOP'

My flip-flop on industrial pensions plans in which the employer pays all or part of the cost is quite ludicrous. How I fought them! It seemed to me that an important principle was involved here for which I must do battle. What happened to those bold convictions? — except that I now live on my own pension and purr with contentment each month when my check comes in! — Clarence B. Randall, formerly President and Chairman of the Board of Inland Steel Co., now retired, writing in his book of reminiscences.

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QUILL'S PROTEST

With an American labor force of some 13 or 14 million strong, are we going out with a tin cup again to collect more dollars in order to be double-crossed at the next Congressional session and at the session after that? I say the labor movement should do some deep thinking about this! — Michael Quill, President, Transport Workers Union, AFL-CIO.

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HOSPITAL TIME

The average patient in a general hospital today spends 8.6 days there—a decline of about one-third from the 12.5 average of 20 years ago. — Health Information Foundation.

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YOUR BUSINESS

Any exception to the old wholesome rule, "Mind your own business," is rare. — Mary Baker Eddy.